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THE IMPROVED WILD BLUEBERRY

The wild Blueberry is the object of perhaps more extensive search in localities where it may be found, than any of our wild fruits. The reason being that its pretty blueberries make the pie per excellence. Blueberry Pie when once tasted leaves a memory not soon forgotten. The improved varieties of this fruit are often as large as Concord Grapes, and sometimes larger. The delicious flavor of the wild Blueberry has been transmitted unimpaired to the improved varieties; as well as their hardiness and abundance of yield.

SOIL

The Improved Blueberry will probably grow on many types of soil, but they seem to do best on a rather light acid or sour soil. It may be wise before setting commercially, to either try a few plants on the particular soil, or have it tested for its acid reaction.

CULTURE

The culture for Blueberries is the same as that for Raspberries. Of course, they will grow and bear without cultivation, but like the other small fruits, greater yields will be obtained if the soil is stirred so that competing vegetation is kept subdued. Hand hoeing is, of course, necessary, where the weeds and grass are not kept down by cultivation. 3000 to 4000 quarts per acre have been harvested. They are as long lived as an apple tree. When once established, you will have annual crops of these large and deliciously sweet Blueberries.

VARIETIES

The following varieties have been brought out by the U. S. Government:

CABOT - This is the first of the names varieties to ripen, which normally is early in July. The bush is rather spreading, the fruit is very large and ships well, and is of excellent quality.

PIONEER - Matures ten days after Cabot. The bush is spreading, vigorous, hardy and productive. The fruit is very large, light blue, firm, ships well, and is very good in quality.

RUBEL - Ripens two weeks after Cabot. The bush is upright, very vigorous, hardy and productive. The fruit is large, light blue, very firm and ships well. The quality is good, although somewhat acid.

CONCORD - Matures about with Rubel, but the fruit averages much larger and the flavor is sweeter. The bush is upright, vigorous and productive. This is perhaps one of the best for home use.

RANOCAS - Matures with Rubel. The bush is upright, vigorous, and productive. The fruit is very large, light blue, firm, ships well and the quality is of the best.

JERSEY - Matures a week later than Rubel. The bush is upright, vigorous and productive. The fruit is very large, firm and of extra quality.

PRICES

Two year plants of all varieties 60 cents each, \$7.00 per dozen or ~~\$7.50~~ \$50.00 per 100 in lots of 50 or more; three year bearing age plants, \$1.25 each, \$14.00 per dozen or \$100.00 per 100; and all are sent prepaid via parcel post.

4 Year. Large. \$2.00 Each. \$22.00 per Dozen.

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PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Plants should be set as quickly as possible after arrival. They should be planted a little deeper than they grow in the Nursery, which is shown by discoloration of the bark at base of plant. They should be watered with soft or rain water if the ground is dry when setting, then draw a little loose dirt around and cover the area watered (this will conserve moisture).

Light sour scil is best, and a little excess moisture will not harm them. Keep plants hoed, or failing this, mulch with sawdust, peatmoss or woods dirt. Dirt from beneath an old wood pile is ideal.

Commercially they are set four feet apart in rows eight feet apart and cultivated to keep down weeds or grass growth. Use no manure at any time. Use no fertilizer the first year, after this a small handful of super-phosphate may be applied to each plant and increasing an additional like amount for each year of growth. If scil is not sufficiently acid, a small amount of common sulphur may be added to each plant.

LATEST VARIETY INTRODUCTIONS

WEYMOUTH Fruit large and attractive, sweet subacid and delicious. Much earlier than Cabot.

JUNE Fruit large, medium blue, sweet with a slight sub acidity, of excellent quality. Ripens early, before Cabot.

STANLEY Productive, fruit large, perfumed and most delicious in flavor of all blueberries. Ripens late midseason.

~~C~~ SAMMEIL Productive. Fruit large dark blue and sweet.

ATLANTIC Fruit very large, excellent quality and large clusters. Ripens late midseason.

PEMBERTON Fruit very large and holding up thru season. Dark blue, sweet and attractive. Ripens just after Atlantic.

BURLINGTON Productive, fruit large, light blue of high quality. Latest to ripen of all Cultivated Blueberries.

Two year plants of above varieties \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per dozen.

Three year bearing age plants \$2.00 each, \$20.00 per dozen. Three year plants only in June, Stanley, Atlantic, Pemberton and Burlington variety.

Four year plants - large - \$3.00 each, \$30.00 per dozen. Four year plants only in June, Stanley and Burlington variety.

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